IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled).

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A method of making a polyvinyl alcohol film, which comprises the steps of:

preparing a film material containing polyvinyl alcohol, 0.01 to 1 part by weight of a nonionic surfactant relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyvinyl alcohol, and water, said film material having a volatile component in a quantity within the range of 50 to 90% by weight; and

discharging the film material from a die of a flexible lip system onto a surface of a drum to form a polyvinyl alcohol film on said drum surface;

wherein said polyvinyl alcohol film has a thickness within the range of 20 to 150 μm and also has a width of at least 2 m, a variance of said film thickness along the transverse direction being 0.5 μm/mm or less.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 20, wherein the film material is discharged onto the surface of the drum, which is plated with chromium, to thereby form the polyvinyl alcohol film.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 20, wherein the variance in thickness along the transverse direction of the film is 0.28 μm/mm or less.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 20, wherein the thickness of the film is within the range of 40 to 120 μm.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 20, ~~wherein~~ comprising further processing the polyvinyl alcohol film ~~is further processed~~ to make a polarization film, wherein said further processing comprises subjecting the polyvinyl alcohol film to at least one of dyeing, monoaxial stretching, fixing treatment and drying treatment, in any order or simultaneously, one or more times.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 24 has been amended as supported in the specification at the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 20-24 remain pending in the application.